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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have ever surveyed the nutritional problems among the people living below poverty line;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to address nutritional programme in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) & (b) : Though no specific survey of nutritional problems of people living below poverty line was carried out at national level; the National Nutrition Monitoring Bureau (NNMB) of Indian Council of Medical Research conducts regular diet and nutritional surveys covering different segments of population including rural urban, tribal, areas of ten States. Department of Women and Child Development in the Government of India has carried out district level nutritional surveys during 1995-96 in 187 districts of 18 States/UTs covering rural and urban population. Further, National Family Health Survey-II (1998-99) has also covered nutritional status in its report. According to these surveys, pre-school children, pregnant and lactating women are nutritionally vulnerable.

(c) : The policy of the Government to tackle the nutritional problems of various target groups in a systematic manner and in close coordination with the State Governments and Union Territories.